

SECURITY INFORMATION

d. Nationalist China:

(1) Para 3, sentences 1 & 3. It is suggested that these sentences be rewritten as follows:

"Since November the Nationalists have returned to the 'back to the mainland' theme based upon U.S. 'guarantees' and 'support'.The Chinese Nationalists appear to be inclining towards a desire to build up a force on Taiwan and not expend it elsewhere except in operations of their own choosing (for which they would like a release of present U.S. neutralization policy against the mainland while retaining guarantees for U.S. defense of Taiwan)".

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7. Internally the Chinese Nationalists will certainly continue to act with great vigilance against Communist or alleged Communist activities.

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3. Add - ^{serious} ~~on~~ dangers inherent in econ. situation in ROK, + possibility of declining moral morale if war drags on.

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